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Subject: Fwd: media inquiry from Mt STD
Attachments: image002.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Published Metals Paper_Env Tox and Pharm KHailer et al (002).pdf; ATT00002.htm

FYI, questions from Susan Dunlap posed to MDEQ. They will be responding on Friday. This is consistent with Susan's angle that ongoing mining operations may be responsible for elevated arsenic etc observed in butte residents in one of the studies.

Rich

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Garcin, Jenifer" <jgarcin@mt.gov>
Date: August 29, 2018 at 1:13:09 PM MDT
To: "mylott.richard@epa.gov" <mylott.richard@epa.gov>
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Hey Rich-

I got your voicemail. Below are Susan's questions regarding the MR air permit. We are going to get together tomorrow to prep and our interview is 10:30 Friday morning with her. I'll give you another call shortly.

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From: Susan Dunlap [<mailto:Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Ponozzo, Kristi <KPonozzo@mt.gov>; Garcin, Jenifer <jgarcin@mt.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi Kristi and Jeni,

I was hoping to talk to someone at DEQ rather than get emailed responses. We view this as a pretty important story, and I think it would be good if I can have a phone interview with someone who can speak to MR's air quality permit.

I've attached a paper that came out last year by Montana Tech professor Katie Hailer. She studied the air quality close to MR and further away and found dust with different metals in the air. She also found some elevated levels of metals in a small group of subjects in Butte she studied over the course of a couple of years.

Please let me know if I can have a phone interview. This is a story planned for Sunday, so I do have some time and could talk tomorrow or Thursday.

In general, I'd like to know how MR's air quality permit works. Is the air monitor in the Greeley neighborhood used to test the air quality coming from the mine? Does MR exceed air quality permitting limits? Are there regular checks on their air quality?

I've heard that they are supposed to shut down operations if there is a lot of mine dust that flows out over the Flats. Is that true? If it is true, does it happen?

Is DEQ aware that there are some metals in the dust coming off MR? How much does the permit allow for?

What exactly is in the dust coming from the Continental Pit?

Does DEQ know if there are significant differences in the mineral quality between the Continental Pit and the Berkeley Pit? For instance, it's my understanding (though I've not verified this) that the Berkeley Pit ore was high in arsenic. Do you know if that's true?

Is the Continental Pit high in arsenic or is the mineralization in the Continental Pit different than the Berkeley's?

Are there differences in the dust coming from Yankee Doodle Tailings Pond as opposed to metals coming from mining in the Continental Pit?

Thanks very much,

Susan

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